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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERAL INTEGRITY RULE CHECKING POINT IN AN APPLICATION

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A method and apparatus for performing general integrity checks using rules in an application running on a data processing system. A point is identified at which a unit of work is to complete. The unit of work includes a plurality of participants. Responsive to determining that the unit of work is to complete, rules associated with each participant in the unit of work are obtained. Responsive to obtaining the rules, the rules obtained for each of the participants are run. Responsive to running the rules, the general integrity of the application state with respect to the unit of work is determined. Responsive to determining the general integrity of the application state, the unit of work is completed by committing it or aborting it.

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